GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS TO NGOS
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH;P.R. KHUTE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to provide funds to Non-Government Organisations/Voluntary Organisations engaged in consumer affairs;

(b) if so, the criteria adopted and procedure made for providing grants to such organisations;

(c) the number of NGOs/Voluntary Organisations active in consumer affairs; and

(d) the amount of grants given to these organisations during each of the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTIRBUTION (SHRI V. SREE PRASAD)

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir, According to Consumer Welfare Fund Rules, variousorganisation/agencies which are engaged in consumer welfare activities for a period of three years and are registered under the Companies Act, 1956 or any other law for the time being in force, village level cooperatives, industries, State Governments are entitled to apply for aid from the Consumer Welfare Fund for the purpose of promoting and protecting the welfare of consumers and strengthening the voluntary consumer movement in the country.

(c) : At present there are reported to be 1350 voluntary consumer organisation active in consumer affairs.

(d) : The amount of grant-in-aid released to such organisations is as under:

Year	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1997-98	31.20
1998-99	29.09
1999-2000	30.64